TOWN OF FITZWILLIAM

PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2020

Members Present: Chairman Suzanne Gray, Vice Chair Terry Silverman, Secretary Robin Peard-Blais, Paul Haynes, Barbara Young, and Charley Kenison, Selectman representative

Members Absent: Karen Craig

Staff Present: Land Use Coordinator Lori Nolan

Others Present: Selectman Dan Baker and Conservation Board Chairman Paul Kotila

Gray called meeting to order at 7:00pm and motioned to go into non-public session for legal reasons. Young seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

At 7:01pm, Planning Board hearing enters Non-public Session.

Gray motioned to exit non-public session and seal the minutes. Haynes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

At 8:24pm, Planning Board hearing exits Non-public Session.

Gray asked for comments on minutes from January 21 meeting. After some brief modifications, Peard-Blais motioned to accept the minutes with edit changes. Young seconded. Motion passed with 5 ayes and 1 abstention (Terry Silverman).

Gray moved on to discussion of the cell phone tower ordinance. According to the review of the ordinances from Attorney Christine Fillmore and issues raised by the ZBA in a memo, the Planning Board needs to review. Because of the time and probable lengthy discussion around this, Gray requested the review be tabled until next meeting. Gray asked the Land Use Coordinator to review the T-Mobile application, specifically the tower location issue. Haynes noted that the town cannot restrict co-location, while Silverman noted that the town cannot force companies to co-locate. Gray further commented that the town cannot require co-location companies to go through a site plan review.

Silverman asked what items were included on the warrant for the 2020 Annual Town Meeting. Gray explained that the WPOD ordinance and the sign ordinance will be included.

Gray shared that the OSI training meeting will be held on May 30, 2020 in Concord.

Gray asked Board if the next scheduled meeting on February 18 be cancelled so members can attend the public meeting with the broadband experts. The board agreed and the next Planning Board meeting will be held on March 3.

Resident Dana Pinney commented – in regards to previous site plan review hearing – that the land owner is ultimately responsible for what tenants do on the land. Gray confirmed that the land owner sent a letter supporting the tenant [KG Performance].

Gray motioned to adjourn meeting. Young seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Nolan
Land Use Coordinator

Approved as written on March 3, 2020